

I implore you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 against satellite radio. If XM and other satellite providers are such a threat to regular commercial radio, than maybe they should take strides to improve their service. Only during morning and afternoon drive times can one expect to hear traffic and weather. Typically a listener has to wait through an overplayed pop song or inane chatter to hear the "traffic and weather together" every 30 minutes. XM's instant traffic and weather is available at all times. I am unaware of any FM station that is dedicated solely to constant traffic and weather updates. Once again, maybe if some of the huge corporations that own every market realize that there is a demographic that are interested in round the clock traffic and weather, they would create something to compete with XM. But, like typically big business, they'll use money and power to try to sway government agencies to their side, instead of creating a product that might make them competitive.

There is a reason that I pay for my radio programming each month. Regular radio does not offer the diverse musical and talk choices available with XM. I hope that you will reject the NAB's petition and let the consumer's voice be heard.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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